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SUBJECT: DISCONTINUANCE X MOSCOW PRESS SUMMARY CABLE

REF: MOSCOW 3439

- 1. WE ARE SORRY TO LEARN THAT MOSCOW'S PRESS SUMMARY TELEGRAM IS BEING DISCONTINUED. IT HAS BEEN MOST VALUABLE FOR US IN PROVIDING A BENCHMARK AGAINST WHICH WE COULD MEASURE TYPE OF COVERAGE GIVEN IN BULGARIAN PRESS, SO THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD TO REPORT ON WHAT BULGARIAN MEDIA WERE SAYING UNLESS IT WAS SOMETHING NOVEL.
- 2. IN THIS SENSE, MOSCOW'S DAILY PRESS CABLE HAS BEEN A REGIONAL RESOURCE.
- 3. THE NEW PROBLEM WILL NOT BE REMEDIED, WE FEAR, BY MOSCOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPEATING TO US TELEGRAMS "RELATED TO (OUR) OWN INTERESTS" AS PER PARA ONE REFTEL, SINCE BULGARIAN PRESS COMMENTS ON WORLD ISSUES ACROSS THE BOARD, SOMETIMES IN VERY OFFENSIVE TERMS. THE AREA IN WHICH LOSS WILL BE MOST KEENLY FELT WILL BE IN COMMENT ON US-BLOC RELATIONS. HERZ

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